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### UTILITY APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Eiji Kawaguchi of Fukuoka, Japan, Richard O. Eason of Orono, Maine, USA, and Kunihiro Tsuda of Fukuoka, Japan, for an invention titled: INFORMATION HIDING SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PRINTED MATTER INTO WHICH INFORMATION IS HIDDEN. This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119, based upon a prior filing in a state that is a member of the Paris Convention, of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-87454, filed on March 27, 2000.

Papers enclosed are:

24 pages of specification  
23 claims  
1 page of abstract  
6 sheets of drawings

Additional papers enclosed are:

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The following papers are not submitted at this time and will be filed upon receipt of a Notice to File Missing Parts:

Declaration of Small Entity  
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